



# INDIANA CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS

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### **November 2, 2006: Indiana Disproportionality Committee — Training Sub-Committee**

The sub-committee has been working diligently to create a well reflective survey to disseminate to various private and public Division Directors and/or Executive Directors to obtain more substantial information in regards to cultural diversity and training curriculum each sector currently practices (if they do). The survey will assist in gaining information that will allow the sub-committee to analyze the context of the curriculum while researching best practice standards in order to complete a comparative analysis. Contacts will be made to each of the agency/organizations (if possible) and a master list for dissemination will be created. The survey will be intended to roll out on surveymonkey.com by early 2007.

### **November 3, 2006: Indiana Disproportionality Committee — Research Sub-Committee**

The research committee is currently deliberating on terminology that best illustrates the recommended direction for the 2007 work year. Obtaining a deeper understanding of the driving terms: disproportionality, overrepresentation, and under representation will provide an opportunity for the overall committee to clearly define each term individually. This will result in more consistent and accurate materials disseminated by the Disproportionality Committee.

### **November 6-8, 2006: Indiana Civil Rights Commission National Conference**

The National conference was held in Indianapolis this year bringing together over 200 participants. Speakers articulated the importance of tolerance and acceptance through group dialogue, presentations, and workshop activities. Many of the Commission's topics parallel with the work of the Disproportionality Committee. Activities that were utilized at the conference will be introduced to Committee members to incorporate in standardized cultural diversity training intended to serve all persons who interact with youth of color and of diverse ethnic backgrounds.

### **November 14, 2006: Indiana Juvenile Detention Association**

ICJI staff attended the monthly meeting of Juvenile Detention workers held at Indiana Youth Institute to learn further about some of the Association's initiatives which are currently occurring. Staff was able to provide possible collaboration opportunities not only in regards to the agency but for the advancement of DMC efforts as well. At the 2007 Juvenile Detention Summit there is a strong possibility that the Disproportionality Committee will facilitate focus groups with front line workers in regards to over and under representation within the child welfare, juvenile justice, education and mental health systems.

### **November 14, 2006: Disproportionate Minority Contact Coordinator's Conference Call (OJJDP)**

The focus of the conference call was tailored to the selected DMC Coordinator's attending the Train the Trainers segment in San Diego in January 2007. Indiana's DMC Coordinator did not qualify to attend the upcoming segment because the individual has not held the position for a minimum of two years. Other topics discussed ranged from web-site enhancements for the DMC Web-Based Data Entry System to third party requests for data from chosen States. Web-enhancements will be considered Phase 2 of the DMC Web Based Data Entry System and are expected to be rolled out before data entry requirements due date which is scheduled at the end of May. OJJDP stated that third party requests may be issued at the States discretion.

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